

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for submitting requests for approval relating to management of real property,  
2 the method comprising:

3 presenting, on a user interface, a form for receiving data from a user, with the data  
4 relating to at least one request that further relates to management of real property;

5 receiving an indication of at least one request for approval, with the indication received  
6 through a user interaction with the form presented on the user interface;

7 identifying, for each request, at least one type of data item to be provided by the user,  
8 wherein the at least one type of data item identified for each request is based on a type  
9 associated with the request; and

10 displaying, on the form, an indication of the at least one type of data item for each  
11 request.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein each request for approval comprises a request for  
2 approval to perform a service and the type associated with the request comprises an identity  
3 of the service.

1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the user interaction with the form presented on the user  
2 interface comprises a user selection of at least one service from a menu of possible services.

1 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the menu comprises a pull-down menu.

1 5. The method of claim 3 wherein the services in the menu of possible services are  
2 customizable in accordance with requirements of an owner of the real property.

1 6. The method of claim 2 wherein the services relate to preservation and protection of the  
2 real property.

1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the preservation and protection of the real property relate  
2 to a conveyance of the real property to a receiving entity different from a managing entity  
3 that manages the preservation and protection.

1 8. The method of claim 2 wherein the approval relates to a reimbursement of costs  
2 associated with the services, with the reimbursement provided by the receiving entity to the  
3 managing entity.

1 9. The method of claim 2 wherein the at least one type of data item is selected from a  
2 predefined set of data item types identified on the form.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the form includes, for each service, a data entry field for  
2 each type of data item in the predefined set of data item types and the indication of the at  
3 least one type of data item for each service comprises an indication of the data entry fields to  
4 be completed by the user.

1 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the predefined set of data item types include at least one  
2 of a quantity, a size, an explanation, or a cost.

1 12. The method of claim 9 wherein the predefined set of data items are customizable in  
2 accordance with requirements of an owner of the real property.

1 13. The method of claim 2 wherein the indication of the at least one type of data item  
2 includes an indication that the user is to provide a specified number of bids for the  
3 service, further comprising:  
4 allowing a submission of the form with less than the specified number of bids for the  
5 service; and  
6 allowing the user to subsequently retrieve the form and provide at least one additional  
7 bid.

1 14. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 receiving data items from the user;  
3 comparing each request and the corresponding data items received from the user with  
4 data relating to approval guidelines; and

5        automatically determining whether the request should be approved based on the  
6        comparison.

1        15. The method of claim 1 wherein each request for approval comprises a request for an  
2        extension to a deadline.

1        16. The method of claim 15 wherein the at least one type of data item is selected from a  
2        predefined set of data item types identified on the form and the predefined set of data  
3        item types includes at least one of a date and an explanation.

1 17. A method for submitting requests relating to management of real property, the method  
2 comprising:

3 presenting, on a user interface, a form for receiving data from a first user, with the  
4 data relating to requests relating to management of real property;

5 receiving, from the first user, an indication for each of a plurality of requests for  
6 approval, with each indication received through a user interaction with the form  
7 presented on the user interface;

8 receiving, from the first user, at least one data item for each request;

9 receiving a submission of the form;

10 receiving an approval of at least one, but fewer than all, of the plurality of requests;

11 and

12 presenting, to the first user, an indication of the approval and an indication of requests  
13 not approved.

1 18. The method of claim 17 wherein the plurality of requests for approval comprise  
2 requests for approval to perform services.

1 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising:

2 allowing the first user to modify the at least one data item for the services not approved;

3 and

4 allowing the first user to resubmit the form with the modified data items for the services  
5 not approved.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein allowing the first user to resubmit the form comprises  
2 using a user interface component for resubmitting the request.

1 21. The method of claim 17 further comprising using the data in the form to automatically  
2 complete a form to be printed, wherein the form to be printed is formatted according to a  
3 format specified by one of a governmental agency and an entity that owns the real property.

1     22. The method of claim 17 wherein each of the plurality of requests for approval comprises  
2     a request for approval of an extension.

1     23. The method of claim 22 further comprising:  
2         allowing the first user to modify the at least one data item for the extensions not  
3     approved; and  
4         allowing the first user to resubmit the form with the modified data items for the  
5     extensions not approved.

1 24. An article comprising a machine-readable medium storing instructions for causing one or  
2 more processors to perform operations comprising:

3 presenting, on a user interface, a form for receiving data from a user, with the data  
4 relating to at least one request that further relates to management of real property;

5 receiving an indication of at least one request for approval, with the indication received  
6 through a user interaction with the form presented on the user interface;

7 identifying, for each request, at least one type of data item to be provided by the user,  
8 wherein the at least one type of data item identified for each request is based on a type  
9 associated with the request; and

10 displaying, on the form, an indication of the at least one type of data item for each  
11 request.

1 25. The article of claim 24 wherein each request for approval comprises a request for  
2 approval to perform a service and the type associated with the request comprises an identity  
3 of the service.

1 26. The article of claim 25 wherein the services relate to preservation and protection of the  
2 real property.

1 27. The article of claim 26 wherein the indication of the at least one type of data item  
2 includes an indication that the user is to provide a specified number of bids for the service,  
3 further comprising:

4 allowing a submission of the form with less than the specified number of bids for the  
5 service; and

6 allowing the user to subsequently retrieve the form and provide at least one additional  
7 bid.

1 28. The article of claim 24 wherein the at least one type of data item is selected from a  
2 predefined set of data item types identified on the form.

1 29. The article of claim 28 wherein the form includes, for each request, a data entry field for  
2 each type of data item in the predefined set of data item types and the indication of the at  
3 least one type of data item for each request comprises an indication of the data entry fields to  
4 be completed by the user.

1 30. The article of claim 24 wherein each request for approval comprises a request for an  
2 extension to a deadline.

1 31. The article of claim 24 wherein the machine-readable medium storing instructions for  
2 causing one or more processors to perform further operations comprising:  
3 receiving data items from the user;  
4 comparing each request and the corresponding data items received from the user with  
5 data relating to approval guidelines; and  
6 automatically determining whether the request should be approved based on the  
7 comparison.

1 32. An article comprising a machine-readable medium storing instructions for causing one or  
2 more processors to perform operations comprising:

3 presenting, on a user interface, a form for receiving data from a first user, with the data  
4 relating to requests that further relate to management of real property;

5 receiving, from the first user, an indication for each of a plurality of requests for  
6 approval, with each indication received through a user interaction with the form presented on  
7 the user interface;

8 receiving, from the first user, at least one data item for each request;

9 receiving a submission of the form;

10 receiving an approval of at least one, but fewer than all, of the plurality of requests; and

11 presenting, to the first user, an indication of the approval and an indication of requests not  
12 approved.

1 33. The article of claim 32 wherein the plurality of requests for approval comprise requests  
2 for approval to perform services.

1 34. The article of claim 32 wherein each of the plurality of requests for approval comprises a  
2 request for approval of an extension of time.

1 35. The article of claim 32 wherein the machine-readable medium storing instructions for  
2 causing one or more processors to perform further operations comprising:

3 allowing the first user to modify the at least one data item for the requests not approved;  
4 and

5 allowing the first user to resubmit the form with the modified data items for the requests  
6 not approved.